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**TO:** Members of the State Board of Education  
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**DATE:** August 24, 2021  
**SUBJECT:** Monitoring Virtual Programs for Maryland Students

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**PURPOSE:**

To share information related to the monitoring of approved virtual learning programs in Maryland for 2021-2022.

**BACKGROUND/HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE:**

In order to provide flexible options in the delivery of instruction, the Local School Systems (LSS) have developed virtual program options for a limited number of students.

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

This presentation provides an overview of the monitoring steps MSDE will take to ensure student success through access to equitable and quality LSS virtual programs.

**ACTION:**

For information and discussion

**ATTACHMENTS:**

Monitoring Local School System Virtual Programs Presentation



# Monitoring Local School Virtual Programs

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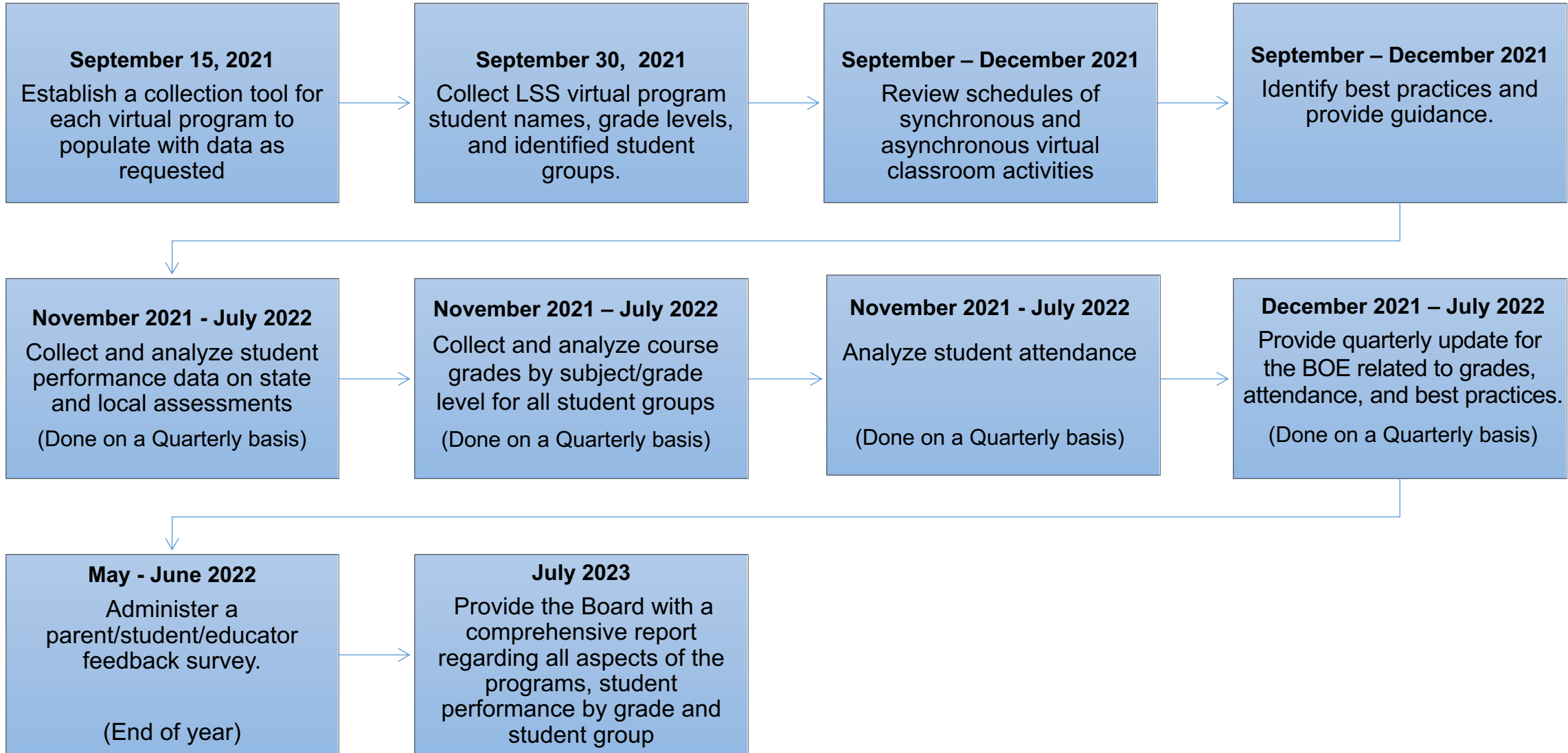
## MSDE will monitor virtual programs to ensure:

- Full range of programs and opportunities for all students regardless of instructional environment.
- Equity of supports that enhance student success.
- Alignment to content standards and local school system (LSS) curriculum.
- Rigorous and comparable teaching and learning as occurs in a face-to-face classroom.

## Maryland State Department of Education “Look Fors” in LSS Virtual Programs:

- System strategies for closely monitoring student performance, engagement, and attendance
- Parental supports and communication that includes technical assistance (Help Desk)
- Student engagement in synchronous sessions
- Professional Learning opportunities to support virtual educators
- Presence of Universal Design for Learning Principles and Social Emotional Learning
- Tutoring opportunities and office hours
- Special Education and English Learner supports
- Media program available to all virtual students
- Assistance to students regarding time management and organization

# HOW?



# Comprehensive Report: Success of Virtual Programs 2021 - 2022



## Report will include:

- Summary of LSS virtual program models
- Data regarding student performance for all student groups
- Survey data from parents/students/educators
- Summary of best practices
- List of lessons learned
- Recommended program revisions